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- GEBER/MELLOR TELECON

1. WE SAW MRS. MANLO THIS AFTERNOON (JULY 7) TO STRESS
PRACTICAL URGENCY OF GETTING ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS IN
REF A. AS REPEATED IN REF C. ANSWERS AS OF NOW ARE AS
FOLLOWS:

- A. GENERAL ROMULO WILL SUGGEST "VERY STRONGLY" TO
HIS ASEAN COLLEAGUES THAT THEY BE IN WASHINGTON IN TIME
TO ATTEND EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2.
CONFIRMATION WILL, HOWEVER, HAVE TO AWAIT REPLIES TO
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GOP FROM OTHER ASEAN CAPITOLS.

- B. MRS. MANALO THOUGHT THAT ASEAN SPOKESMEN AT
AUGUST 3 LUNCH AT NATIONAL PRESS MIGHT BE SINGAPOREAN
FOREIN MINISTER RAJARATNAM AND INDONESIAN MINISTER OF
TRADE PRAWIRO. WHEN EMBOFF TOLD MRS. MANALO THAT GEN-
ERAL ROMULO HAD INDICATED TO AMBASSADOR MURPHY A PRE-

REFERENCE FOR FINANCE MINISTER VIRATA TO BE ONE OF ASEAN SPEAKERS AT PRESS CLUB LUNCHEON, MRS. MANALO SAID SHE WOULD CHECK BACK WITH GENERAL ROMULO. SHE PROMISED US AN ANSWER MONDAY, JULY 10.

- C. WITH RESPECT TO THURSDAY, AUGUST 3 BREAKFAST WITH HOUSE LEADERS, MRS. MANALO DID NOT RPT NOT THINK THERE WOULD BE ANY PROBLEM. "IF GENERAL ROMULO COULD MAKE IT THE REST OF THEM COULD." EMBOFF POINTED OUT DIFFICULTY OF GETTING UNDIVIDED ATTENTION OF CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS AT LATER HOUR.
- D. WITH RESPECT TO LIST OF ASEAN PARTICIPANTS AND HEADS OF DELEGATIONS, MRS. MANALO INDICATED THAT THIS INFORMATION COULD ONLY BE EXPECTED MUCH CLOSER TO THE EVENT.
- E. WITH RESPECT TO D, SHE GAVE HER READY CONSENT TO OUR ELICITING THIS INFORMATION IN OTHER ASEAN CAPITALS. ADDRESSEE EMBASSIES ACCORDINGLY ARE ASKED TO OBTAIN THIS INFORMATION FROM HOST GOVERNMENTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, REPEATING IT TO MANILA, OF COURSE, AS WELL AS FORWARDING IT TO WASHINGTON.

2. WITH RESPECT TO JULY 18-19 US/ASEAN MEETING IN MANILA ON DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION, MRS. MANALO SAID THAT SHE WOULD BE GLAD TO MEET WITH ANTHONY GEBER AT 1800 LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HOURS MONDAY, JULY 17. COMMENT; SHE MIGHT NOT BE IN THE BEST OF FETTER AT THAT HOUR, AS THE PREPARATORY ASEAN MEETING FOR THEIR CONVERSATIONS WITH US THE NEXT TWO DAYS KICKS OFF AT 0930 HOURS JULY 17.

3. MRS. MANALO BELIEVED THAT THE REVISED DRAFT AGENDA DELIVERED BY US TO MFA ON JUNE 30 WILL PRETTY MUCH HOLD UP THROUGH ASEAN SCRUTINY. SHE HAD TWO QUESTIONS, HOWEVER, TO WHICH SHE WOULD APPRECIATE EARLIEST POSSIBLE ANSWERS:

- A. HOW DOES US INTEND TO APPROACH ITEM 12. B., US ENERGY POLICY AND COOPERATION WITH ASEAN, AS A SEPARATE ITEM FROM 12. D., COOPERATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. SHE INDICATED THAT ENERGY SECRETARY VELASCO MIGHT HAVE TO BE ON FILE DEPENDING ON SUBSTANCE AND DEPTH OF US APPROACH TO 12. B.
- B. WHAT PRECISELY IS US INTENTION WITH RESPECT TO AGENDA ITEM 13, EXPANDED REGIONAL EDUCATION AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM, I.E., HOW WILL THE US OPEN THIS ITEM AND WHAT IF ANYTHING WILL WE PROPOSE.

4. FINALLY, AND WITH RESPECT TO PARA 7, REF A, MRS.
MANALO, CONTRARY TO FERNANDEZ' ADVICE, PARA 3, REF B,
ASKED THAT WE PLEASE FORMALIZE INVITATION. WE WILL DO
THIS FIRST THING NEXT WEEK VIA NOTE TO MFA. MURPHY

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